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## WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference see form PCT/ISA/220		<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See paragraph 2 below
International application No. PCT/FI2005/000074	International filing date (day/month/year) 04.02.2005	Priority date (day/month/year) 06.02.2004
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C01G23/053, B01D53/86, C03C17/25, C03C17/00		
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### 1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

### 2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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### 3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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## Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material:  
 a sequence listing  
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material:  
 in written format  
 in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing:  
 contained in the international application as filed.  
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or  
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	2-8, 13-16, 19, 20
	No: Claims	1, 9-12, 17, 18, 21, 22
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-22
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-22
	No: Claims	

**2. Citations and explanations**

**see separate sheet**

**Re Item V.**

- 1 Reference is made to the following document:  
D1: Y. LI, Y. FAN, Y. CHEN: "A NOVEL METHOD FOR PREPARATION OF NANOCRYSTALLINE RUTILE TiO<sub>2</sub> POWDERS BY LIQUID HYDROLYSIS OF TiCl<sub>4</sub>" J. MATER. CHEM., vol. 12, 2002, pages 1387-1390, XP002341998  
D2: EP-A-1 095 908
- 2.1. Document D1 discloses a process for preparing TiO<sub>2</sub>, wherein an aqueous solution containing titanium tetrachloride having a concentration 90.4g/l TiO<sub>2</sub> (1.13mol TiCl<sub>4</sub>/l) was subjected to hydrolysis at 20°C in presence of rutile type seed crystals to precipitate hydrated titanium oxide (see D1, Table 1, N°13; page 1387, §"Experimental"). The calcination Temperature is from 300-500°C (see D1, page 1388, Fig.1). The obtained rutile TiO<sub>2</sub> has a particle size of 10.5 nm and a surface area of 70.3 m<sup>2</sup>/g (see D1, table 1 N°13).
- 2.1a. Implicitly document D1 discloses, that the obtained TiO<sub>2</sub> will have photo catalytic properties, as the large surface is important for the catalytic activity (see D1, page 1388, right column).
- 2.1b. The subject-matter of claim 1,9-12,17,21 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
- 2.2. Dependent claims 2-8,13 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of inventive step.
3. Document D2 discloses a highly photo catalytic active titanium dioxide (see D2, [0037], claims 5-8)
  - 3.1. The subject-matter of claims 17, 18, 21 and 22 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
  - 3.2. Dependent claims 19,20 do not contain any features which, in combination with the

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features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of inventive step.

4. Comparative example 2 refers to EP0444789 A. However, EP0444789 A refers to encoding and decoding of MAC video signals.